



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Hirochika et al.  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 26, 2005, in this patent application, Applicants request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.